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TAGS: PINT, PGOV, SHUM, CI  
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFT DELAYED

REF: SANTIAGO 2557

1. THE GOC ANNOUNCED MAY 17 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMISSION PRESIDENT ENRIQUE ORTUZAR TODAY REQUESTED, AND RECEIVED, PERMISSION FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET TO DELAY THE PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION BY 90 DAYS. THE POSTPONEMENT PUSHES THE DUE DATE BACK TO AUGUST 19. ORTUZAR REPORTEDLY PRESENTED PINOCHET WITH A FIVE-POINT MEMORANDUM, STATING THAT THE COMMISSION WAS MEETING REGULARLY, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE INPUT FROM "SPECIALIZED ORGANS" ON CERTAIN TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND THEREFORE NEEDED THE EXTRA TIME TO GET IT TOGETHER.

2. IN HIS APRIL 5 SPEECH, (REFTEL), PINOCHET HAD INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT HIM WITH A ROUGH DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT BY MAY 21. IT IS THEN TO BE REVIEWED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE JUNTA. THE COMMISSION WAS TO SUBMIT A FINAL VERSION TO THE JUNTA FOR APPROVAL BY JANUARY 1, 1979; AND THE CONSTITUTION WOULD BE PRESENTED FOR VOTER RATIFICATION AT UNSPECIFIED TIME.

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3. COMMENT: RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS. GENERAL LEIGH TOLD THE AMBASSADOR LAST EVENING THAT HE HAD BEARDED ORTUZAR WITH THE RUMOR, ASKING DIRECTLY WHETHER PINOCHET OR ORTUZAR HAS SUGGESTED THE DELAY. ACCORDING TO LEIGH, A REDFACED ORTUZAR EMBARRASSEDLY TURNED AWAY WITHOUT

ANSWERING. WE ASSUME THAT LEIGH'S REACTION -THAT PINOCHET  
IS STALLING) WILL BE SHARED BY MANY IN AND OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT.  
THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN MEETING FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.  
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